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Now listen for thunderbolts from Louisville. Samuel J. Randall has started on his Southern trip.

THE Democrats have been led to believe that Cleveland is a man of rare gifts-and they are all anxious to get some of them.

THE fire flend seems insatiate. The telegraph this morning brings the news of another woman burned to death, and of more property destroyed.

It was scarcely necessary for Hon. Wm. M. Evarts to announce in a letter that he is a candidate for the United States Senatorship. Nobody had reason to doubt

IF Gov. Begole could continue in office a little longer there would be no need for a law against contract labor in prisons. There would be no convicts left in the

IF Capt. Bedford Pim should succeed in building his proposed railroad from Cheyenne up toward the North Pole, John Bull will not find his beef roasted when it arrives.

a Confederate note for \$100 to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption. The Russian gentleman is "too previous." If he had posted himself better on our politics he would have waited until

never encourage more friendly relations between Canada and the United States than now exist. Well, Sir John has been very kind to Mother Mandelbaum, Mr. J. C. Eno, and others of our wards who have found an asylum in Canada.

THE profession of coachman is fast becoming a profitable business. The latest success scored is that of Thomas Mc-Laughlin, who has just married Mrs. Britton, a Staten Island widow related to the Vanderbilts, and worth over \$800,000. She is forty years old; he is twenty-one.

LATER developments add to the horrors of the Brooklyn orphan asylum fire. It now appears that there were 780 children in the building, instead of 724, as at first reported. The police believe the full horrors of the fire have not yet been revealed, as there are some seventy children still

Gov. Becone's liberality with pardons is likely to bring a flood of appeals for clemency upon him. Already a strong effort is being made to secure a pardon for Henry Closson, who was sent to prison in 1882, for ten years, for forgery. If such brutal villains as Van Wagener are to be turned loose, there is no excuse for keeping ordinary forgers, burglars and highway robbers behind the bars.

THE question of an international copyright law is now under discussion in Congress, and the proposition is not meeting with much vigorous opposition. The chief opposers of what is known as the Dorsheimer bill are publishers, who inwist that a book which is admitted to copyright shall be required to be manufactured in the country in which the copyright is issued. This is manifestly unfair to authors, as it does not recognize the fact that the author's part in a book is separable from the manufactured volume. The bill should pass, if at all. without such an objectionable feature.

By the resignation of Mr. Lyman, announced in yesterday's TELEGRAM, W. B. Thompson, of Hudson, this State, is promoted to the office of Second Assistant Postmaster General. Col. Thompson has earned the position which he has attained by long and faithful service. Beginning as a postal clerk on the Lake Shore road fifteen years ago the present month, he became successively, head of a crew, chief clerk, division superintendent and general superintendent. He has held the last-mentioned office for six years. His confirmation yesterday by the Senate without the customary reference to a committee, was a deserved compliment.

"REFORM IS NEEDED."

A GENTLEMAN of this city remarked to us a few days ago that while waiting fer a train at a neighboring town on the line of one of the railroads centering in this city, he was compelled to listen to some very boisterous and ungentlemanly language from a parcel of hoodlums who had congregated in the waiting-room, or else wait out in the cold. The situation of the gentleman referred to is one that | Houge-From 9 to 12 a.m., 1 to 5 and 7 to 8 p. m. most people who travel are often placed in, and suggests the necessity of some reform in the management of railroad depots. The Philadelphia Record, in

speaking on this subject recently, said: At most railroad stations there are two waiting rooms. The one for "ladies only," is clean, tidy and more or less comfortable and home-like. The company evidently does

do not defile the floor or the walls as do some of the other sex. To the "Ladies' Waiting floom" that of the men presents an abrupt contrast. The paint is dirty, the floor is dirty, dirty spittoons are scattered around, dirty tramps and disorderly boys fill the seats, and a quiet, tone gentleman of cleanly habits, who has missed a train or arrives too soon, feels so disgusted with the appearance and the scent of the viic hole that, even if the air is icy or the rain pours down, he prefers to remain on the platform rather than endure the dirt and the company. Railroad companies appear to consider that men than endure the dirt and the company. Railroad companies appear to consider that men
are never gentlemen, that delicacy and refinement are unknown to the male sex, and
that the "Gentlemen's Waiting-room" is the
proper place for tramps and idlers to lounge
away their hours. Acting on this idea, all
the surroundings are allowed to take on an
air of dirt and greasiness suggestive of a
low saloon in a back alley. Would it not be
well either to enforce cleanliness on the part
both of the employes of the company and of both of the employes of the company and of all who are admitted into the waiting-room or else to open a separate waiting-room for

CURRENT COMMENT.

Detroit Free Press: Dakota may not have a good claim to recognition as a State, but her claim to a high grade of civilization cannot be disputed.

Davenport Gazette: The Fort Dodge Messenger thought that prohibition would rid the city of its six saloons, and is now bewailing its fate because the six have increased to twelve, and wants to know why the prohibitory law is not enforced.

Wilmington (Del.) News: It is obvious that the young Republicans all over the country are meeting their recent defeat pretty much with the same spirit as that with which their fathers met the rebel victory at Bull Run. They are organizing already for the next contest in 1888.

Philadelphia Press: It requires no gift of poetic vision to foresee in Mr. Randall's projected tour through the South the beginning of a revolt against the present free-trade leadership of the Democracy. It is within bounds of possibility that Mr. Randall makes this journey at the suggestion of Mr. Cleveland, whose friend he is, with a view of sounding Southern sentiment, and thus enable the President to give it intelligent consideration in formulating his administrative policy.

Philadelphia Record: The "strike" of the shoemakers seems to be practically at an end, thanks in a large measure to the effects of the Universal Peace Union. A RESIDENT of Riga, Russia, has sent | The manufacturers have possibly the better of the settlement, but it is not often that such controversies are closed without the balance of advantage inclining more or less to one side. The incident is notably of interest to-day as affording an opportunity to express once more the wish that in all such trade disputes the method of arbitration might be resorted SIR JOHN MACDONALD says he will to, it being the most economical as well as the most equitable that can be employed.

The Largest Locomotive.

The largest locomotive in the world, the El Gobernado, built at the railroad works at Sacramento, Cal., has just been completed and sent down to the Tehachipi Pass. Its weight is considerably more than 100 tons. and it has large drivers, five on each side. Its length is so great that it projected through both ends of its stall at the round house. It was named in honor of Gov. Stanford.

Evolution and the Bible.

Dr. Woodrow having been removed from the faculty of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbus, S. C., for teaching that the Bible can be reconciled with the theory of evolution, retorts upon the trus-tees that they may take their places with those Wesleyans who, only a century ago, declared that anybody disbelieving in witch-craft discredited the Scriptures.

What it Costs.

The Board of Trade of Columbus, O., estimates the cost to the Board and to the coal companies of the recent strike in Hocking Valley at \$1,620,000. The loss to business men outside of the Board has been estimated at \$350,000, to the railroads centering there at \$1,100,000, to the furnaces in the valley at \$225,000, and to the city of Columbus at \$3,

Why He Became Dumb.

Most of the people of Lee, Ind., firmly believe that James Lyman was struck dumb as a punishment for blasphemy. He was a notorious swearer, and one of his tirades was cut short by complete paralysis of the

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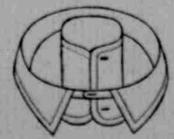
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